

We began this document with the Fort Detrick vision, and that is where it ends as well. This is the beacon that guides our choices. Many of you have likely heard the analogy of the Cathedral builders. It goes something like this:

A passerby was fascinated by the work in progress on a beautiful cathedral. As he watched the workmen, he was intrigued by the role that each played in constructing such a beautiful building.

The passerby asked the first workman, "What are you doing?"

The workman answered, "I'm laying bricks."

The passerby asked the second workman, "What are you doing?"

The workman answered, "I'm constructing a support wall."

The passerby asked the third workman, "What are you doing?"

"I'm building a Cathedral," he replied.

We at Fort Detrick believe that bricks and support walls are very important, but we must never lose sight of the final product...the Cathedral.

We are here to provide service for our customers.

This strategic, long-range plan allows for renewal and growth to maintain a vital, healthy organization for years to come.

The **Strategic Plan** for Fort Detrick is a living document. It is reviewed and revised annually. Comments and recommendations for revision are invited and should be sent to Resource Management X3291.